



## **Flood Information for People with Special Healthcare Needs**

### **Special Needs Emergency Registry**

The Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) urges anyone with a disability, chronic condition, or special healthcare need to enroll in the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry. The intent of the Special Needs Emergency Registry is to have a reliable system for the identification of Rhode Islanders who require special assistance during emergencies. The information provided will be shared with local and state emergency management and responders such as local town/city police or fire departments.

Individuals have a choice of either registering online at <https://kidsnet.health.ri.gov/emregistry/> or sending in a completed Special Needs Emergency Registry Form. (The form is located on the HEALTH website [www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov) and can also be obtained by calling 401-222-4616/RI Relay 711). If you do not register online, please mail the completed form to RIEMA, Database Manager, 645 New London Ave, Cranston, RI 02920.

The Registry Form is available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Vietnamese, Chinese, Hmong, Cambodian and Lao and in large print, CD-Rom, disc and via the HEALTH website. If you cannot fill out this form on your own, please have a family member or caregiver complete the form and submit on your behalf. Also, if more than one person from a household has a disability, a chronic condition, or special healthcare needs, each person should submit a separate Special Needs Emergency Registry Form.

Once a Special Needs Emergency Registry Form is submitted, HEALTH will send a GO-KIT to your home to help you begin to prepare for an emergency.

**If you need immediate assistance due to recent flooding, please call 211, and you will be directed to the right contact.**

### **Access to prescriptions:**

If you are unable to access your regular pharmacy to pick up a prescription, you can call the pharmacy and ask to have the prescription transferred to another pharmacy. Major chain pharmacies can contact any individual pharmacy where a prescription was filled and have the prescription transferred to a pharmacy of the patient's choice.

All Rhode Islanders in need of flood disaster assistance should register with FEMA at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or 1-800-621-3362 (TTY 1-800-462-7585). See the HEALTH website ([www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov)) for additional health and safety guidance relate to flooding. For more information or questions, call 222-5960/RI Relay 711.